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Amendment under 37 CFR 1.312

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Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An electronic device comprising:
a first case in which a keyboard is provided;
a second case in which a display unit is provided;
a hinge unit which connects the first and second cases to
5 each other such that the first and second cases are openable and
closeable;
a cover member for decoration which is mounted on an outer
surface of the second case;
a first engaging mechanism which is disposed on the second
10 case and has a decorative shape; and
a second engaging mechanism which is disposed on the cover
member to be engaged with the first engaging mechanism;
wherein the first engaging mechanism comprises:
a first engaging portion, which comprises a projection,
15 provided at a tip end surface of the second case at an opposite
side of the second case from the hinge unit; and
second engaging portions provided near to the hinge
unit on both side surfaces of the second case;
wherein the second engaging mechanism comprises:
20 a first engaging portion provided at a tip end surface
of the cover member at an opposite side of the cover member from
the hinge unit; and

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second engaging portions provided near to the hinge
unit on both side surfaces of the cover member;

25 wherein positions of the first and second engaging
portions of the second engaging mechanism correspond to positions
on the second ~~cover~~ case of the first and second engaging
portions of the first engaging mechanism; and

 wherein the first engaging portion of the second
30 engaging mechanism projects from the tip end surface of the cover
member and defines a concavity which engages the projection of
the first engaging portion of the first engaging mechanism when
the second engaging mechanism is engaged with first engaging
mechanism; and

35 wherein the cover member is detachably mounted on the outer
surface of the second case by engaging the first and second
engaging portions of the first engaging mechanism with the first
and second engaging portions of the second engaging mechanism,
respectively.

Claims 2 and 3 (Canceled).

4. (Previously Presented) An electronic device according to
claim 1, wherein at least one of: (i) one of the second engaging
portions of the second case and (ii) one of the second engaging

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portions of the cover member is elastically movable in
5 engaging/disengaging directions.

Claims 5 and 6 (Canceled).

7. (Previously Presented) An electronic device according to
claim 1, wherein a decoration is disposed on an outer surface of
the second case, and an opening is formed in a portion of the
cover member at a position corresponding to the decoration on the
5 outer surface of the second case.

8. (Previously Presented) An electronic device according to
claim 1, wherein a decoration is disposed on an outer surface of
the second case, and a light transmitting member is disposed in a
portion of the cover member at a position corresponding to the
5 decoration on the outer surface of the second case.

9. (Original) An electronic device according to claim 7,
wherein the decoration includes at least one of a symbol, a
graphic and a pattern.

10. (Original) An electronic device according to claim 1,
wherein the cover member is made of a synthetic resin which
transmits light.

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11. (Previously Presented) An electronic device comprising:
two cases;

a hinge unit which connects the two cases to each other such
that the two cases are openable and closeable;

5 a cover member for decoration which is mounted on an outer
surface of at least one of the two cases;

a first engaging mechanism which is disposed in the at least
one of the cases; and

10 a second engaging mechanism which is disposed in the cover
member to be engaged with the first engaging mechanism;

wherein the cover member is detachably mounted on the outer
surface of the at least one of the cases by engaging the first
and second engaging mechanisms with each other;

15 wherein the first engaging mechanism includes engaging
portions which are disposed at positions away from the hinge unit
on both side surfaces of the at least one of the cases and
engaging portions which are disposed at positions near to the
hinge unit on said both side surfaces of the at least one of the
cases;

20 wherein the second engaging mechanism includes engaging
portions which are disposed at positions away from the hinge unit
on both side surfaces of the cover member and engaging portions
which are disposed at positions near to the hinge unit on said
both side surfaces of the cover member; and

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25 wherein the engaging portions of the first engaging mechanism that are disposed at positions away from the hinge unit are rotatably engaged with the engaging portions of the second engaging mechanism that are disposed at positions away from the hinge unit.

12. (Previously Presented) An electronic device according to claim 11, wherein a mirror is disposed on an inner surface of the cover member facing the outer surface of the at least one of the cases.

13. (Previously Presented) A cover member for an electronic device, wherein the electronic device comprises: (i) a first case in which a keyboard is provided, (ii) a second case in which a display is provided, (iii) a hinge unit connecting the first case
5 and the second case to each other to be openable and closeable, and (iv) a first engaging mechanism which is disposed on the second case, has a decorative shape, and comprises a first engaging portion, which comprises a projection, provided at a tip end surface of the second case at an opposite side of the second
10 case from the hinge unit, and second engaging portions provided near to the hinge unit on both side surfaces of the second case, and wherein the cover member is mountable to an outer surface of the second case, said cover member comprising:

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a second engaging mechanism which comprises:

15 a first engaging portion provided at a tip end surface
of the cover member at an opposite side of the cover member from
the hinge unit; and

second engaging portions provided near to the hinge
unit on both side surfaces of the cover member;

20 wherein positions of the first and second engaging
portions of the second engaging mechanism correspond to positions
on the second cover of the first and second engaging portions of
the first engaging mechanism; and

wherein the first engaging portion of the second
25 engaging mechanism projects from the tip end surface of the cover
member and defines a concavity which engages the projection of
the first engaging portion of the first engaging mechanism when
the second engaging mechanism is engaged with first engaging
mechanism;

30 wherein the cover member is detachably mounted on the outer
surface of the second case by engaging the first and second
engaging portions of the first engaging mechanism with the first
and second engaging portions of the second engaging mechanism,
respectively.

14. (Previously Presented) A cover member according to
claim 13, wherein a decoration is disposed on a part of the outer

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surface of the second case, and an opening is formed in a portion
of the cover member at a position corresponding to the decoration
5 on the outer surface of the second case.

15. (Previously Presented) A cover member according to
claim 13, wherein a decoration is disposed on a part of the outer
surface of the second case, and a light transmitting member is
disposed in a portion of the cover member at a position
5 corresponding to the decoration on the outer surface of the
second case.

16. (Original) A cover member according to claim 14, wherein
the decoration includes at least one of a symbol, a graphic and a
pattern.

17. (Original) An electronic device comprising:
two cases;
a hinge unit which connects the two cases to each other and
by which the two cases are openable and closeable;
5 an electronic unit disposed in at least one of the two
cases;
a flat-shaped cover member which is mounted to at least one
of the cases and is overlapped with an outer surface of at least
one of the cases to cover the outer surface;

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10 an electronic unit disposed in the cover member; and
 an electrically connecting/engaging unit which detachably
engages at least one of the cases and the cover member with each
other, and electrically connects the electronic unit in at least
one of the cases and the electronic unit in the cover member with
15 each other.

 18. (Original) An electronic device according to claim 17,
wherein the electrically connecting/engaging unit comprises a
first electrically connecting/engaging portion which is
electrically connected to the electronic unit in at least one of
5 the cases and is retractably projected from at least one of both
side surfaces of at least one of the cases,

 a second electrically connecting/engaging portion which is
electrically connected to the electronic unit in the cover member
and is disposed on at least one of both side surface of the cover
10 member, and

 the first electrically connecting/engaging portion is
detachably engaged with the second electrically
connecting/engaging portion.

 19. (Original) An electronic device according to claim 17,
wherein a first engaging portion is disposed on a tip end surface
of at least one of the cases, the tip end surface being

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positioned opposite to the hinge unit on at least one of the
5 cases; and

a second engaging portion with which the first engaging portion is detachably engaged is disposed on a tip end surface of the cover member, the tip end surface being positioned opposite to the hinge unit on the cover member.

20. (Original) An electronic device according to claim 17, wherein the electronic unit has one of a display function, a television tuner function, a speaker function, a power source function, a camera function, a printer function, and a scanner function.

21. (Previously Presented) An electronic device according to claim 8, wherein the decoration includes at least one of a symbol, a graphic and a pattern.

22. (Previously Presented) A cover member according to claim 15, wherein the decoration includes at least one of a symbol, a graphic and a pattern.